



ACTION & MEETING MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Commission on Diversity Awareness

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015
12:00pm – 1:00pm

City of Flagstaff Council Chambers Room
211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Commission on Diversity Awareness was held on December 15th, 2015 at 12:00 PM. The meeting was located City of Flagstaff, 211 W. Aspen Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

II. Members Present:

Marian Bitsui
Khalif Durham
Anne Hart

Caroline McDonald
Deborah Shepard

Members Absent:

Robert Duke
Robert Knox

III. Public Participation

Emily Davalos

1. Discussed there being a barrier in diversity at meetings and having concerns about speaking at meetings as such. Commission asked Emily clarifying questions about what and where arrowhead village was and the circumstances of the situation.

Steven Richards

1. Talked about the neighborhood beautification program. Commission asked who was involved with the program and it was stated it was the commission of planning and zoning.
2. Thanked the commission for all they do for the community.

IV. Staff Participation

None

V. Date of Next Meeting

January 19th, 2015 at 12:00 PM in Council Chambers in City Hall, 211 W. Aspen, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

VI. Action Items

A. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Anne Hart moved to approve the November Meeting Minutes

Deborah Shepard seconded the vote.

Vote was 5-0-0

B. Adding a discussion on community surveys to the next agenda

Khalif motioned to add an item to the next agenda

Miriam Bitsui seconded

Vote was 5-0-0

C. Having a press release drafted and disbursed for the CODA before next meeting

Khalif motioned to have a press release drafted

Anne seconded

Vote was 5-0-0

VII. Reports/Discussion Items

1. *Khalif defined and explained the commission to the public and outlined the intent and the mission.*
2. *Khalif also discussed taking the first three months of the commission to do research and establish what the concerns of the public are.*
3. *Khalif and Miriam have guest speakers they would like to invite to speak at the commission. More follow up to come on this.*
4. *Deborah asked if the city provided translators at commissions and council meetings.*
5. *Mariam asked about meeting times regarding translators*
6. *Mariam asked about official surveys; what are the limits and recommendations for them and what can the commission do with them?*
7. *Commission asked about funds they can use.*
8. *Commission favors having a guest speaking monthly.*
9. *Miriam suggested to review the study done by FUSD in regards to the amount of homeless children*
10. *Khalif previewed a press release for the CODA. Commission understood we would need to have it reviewed.*
11. *Miriam asked to possibly hold off on having guest speakers till the guidance and direction of the commission are established.*

VIII. Agenda for Next Meeting

1. *Discussion of Community Surveys*

IX. Adjournment

Khalif Durham adjourned the meeting at 1:03pm.